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The applicant hereby petitions to make the above-identified patent application special in order to obtain accelerated examination. A check in the amount of \$130 to cover the petition fee in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) is attached. If the Commissioner finds that additional fees are required, he is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 12-0275.

It is believed that all of the claims are directed to a single invention. If the Office determines that all the claims are not obviously directed to a single invention, the applicant will make an election by telephone without traverse.

A preexamination search has been made in the following classes and subclasses:

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A copy of each of the references most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims is submitted herewith.

U.S. Patent No. 5,565,908 discloses an object of allowing a user to program what he would like to see as opposed to what the broadcaster wants the person to see. A broadcast company would have to have predetermined video cameras in place, and the subscriber would be able to switch cameras via a remote control. There is no ability to see or hear what a live participant is seeing or hearing.

U.S. Patent No. 5,570,126 discloses a component allowing persons to input items they would like to see, via television, and the television then accepts the inputs and transmits the items. There is no disclosure of buying a particular event for the sole purpose of seeing or feeling what the participant sees or feels. There is also no mention of a particular method or way of doing business.

U.S. Patent No. 6,002,995 discloses an apparatus enabling a user to see a map. The apparatus includes a plurality of cameras allowing an operator to switch to any number of the cameras. A broadcast company would have to have predetermined video cameras in place, and a subscriber would be able to switch to the cameras via a predetermined map of the camera locations. There is no disclosure of an ability to see or hear what the live participant is seeing or hearing. No method of doing business is disclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,894,320 discloses an apparatus enabling a user to choose the angle of a camera within included audio via a software system. A broadcast company would have to have predetermined video cameras in place, and a subscriber would be able to switch to said cameras via a system that allows them to do so. There is no disclosure of being able to see or hear what the live participant is seeing or hearing, no is there a disclosure of a method of doing business.

U.S. Patent No. 5,068,733 discloses allowing a viewer to choose a camera angle during a live event. The present invention enables a subscriber to choose an event and see a live event from the participant's view. The present invention is a form of entertainment to a subscriber.

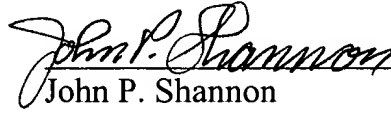
U.S. Patent No. 5,600,368 discloses allowing a viewer to choose a camera angle during a live event. Thus, if a viewer is watching a live event, a television station normally determines what is seen. The invention of this cited patent would permit a television viewer to select for himself the angle from which he views the event. By the present invention, the subscriber chooses an event and sees the live event from the participant's view even if the subscriber sees the event from predetermined cameras.

U.S. Patent No. 5,600,368 enables a viewer to make selections or manipulate data during a live event. Thus, a viewer watching a live event would be able to select or manipulate what they see. For example, if a viewer is watching a baseball game, he may want statistics on a certain player. This interactive invention would enable him to do so, simply by using a remote control or cursor.

In view of the foregoing, accelerated examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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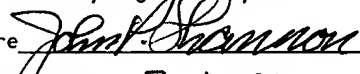

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